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Draft report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

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I. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development was held in New York from 26 February to 2 March 2007 in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/228 of 20 July 2005. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting held ___ meetings. Interactive discussions on the themes of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change were held at the 3rd to 6th meetings, on 27 and 28 February 2007. Interactive discussions on the interlinkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation, relevant to the same themes were held at the 7th meeting, on 1 March.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah (Qatar), who made an introductory statement.

3. The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation on: energy for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2007/2), industrial development (E/CN.17/2007/3), air pollution/atmosphere (E/CN.17/2007/4) and climate change (E/CN.17/2007/5), as well as on interlinkages and cross-cutting issues (E/CN.17/2007/6).

4. At the 1st meeting, on 26 February, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union) and the United States of America.

B. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February 2007, the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.17/IPM/2007/1 and Corr.1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation:
   (a) Energy for sustainable development;
   (b) Industrial development;
   (c) Air pollution/atmosphere;
   (d) Climate change.
3. Other matters.
4. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting.

6. At the same meeting, the Meeting approved the accreditation of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific and the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries to participate as observers in its current session.

7. Also at the 1st meeting, it was agreed that the candidate for Vice-Chairman endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado (Brazil), would act in that capacity during the Meeting, until his formal election at the beginning of the Commission's fifteenth session. The Meeting was then informed that the Vice-Chairman, Alain Edouard Traoré (Burkina Faso), would also serve as Rapporteur of the fifteenth session of the Commission and its Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting.

C. Proceedings of the session

8. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February 2007, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iceland, made a statement on the outcome of the International Seminar on the Hydrogen Economy for Sustainable Development, held in Reykjavik, on 28 and 29 September 2006.

9. At the same meeting, the representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (who spoke also on behalf of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) and the representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific made statements presenting the outcomes of their deliberations related to policy options and possible actions to address region-specific obstacles to, and constraints on, meeting commitments related to the thematic cluster on energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change.

10. Also at its 1st meeting, the Meeting heard statements from the representatives of major groups on their views on policy options and possible actions relevant to the themes of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change, as contained in the note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2007/7) entitled "Major groups' priorities for action in energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change". Statements were made by the representatives of the Women's Environment and Development Organization, on behalf of the women's group; the Global Youth Action Network, on behalf of the children and youth group; the International Indian Treaty Council, on behalf of the indigenous peoples group; the Third World Network, on behalf of the non-governmental organizations group; Local Governments for Sustainability, on behalf of the local authorities group; the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, on behalf of the workers and trade unions group; the International Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the business and industry group; the International Council for Science, on behalf of the scientific and technological communities group; and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, on behalf of the farmers group.

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 26 February, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation on the themes of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change, relating to small island developing States. The panellists were Leslie Walling, Executive Director of the Caribbean Conservation Association; Paul Fairbairn, Manager of the Community Lifelines Programme of the Secretariat of the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission; and Tom Goreau, President of the Global Coral Reef Alliance. The

Vice-Chairperson, Frances Lisson (Australia), summarized the salient points that resulted from the interactive discussion.

12. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 27 February, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation on the theme of energy for sustainable development. The panellists were Bikash Pandey, Clean Energy Programme of Winrock, Pakistan; Shahmar Movsumov, Executive Director of the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan and Chair of the National Committee for Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative; and Hasan Qabazard, Director of the Research Division of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. The Vice-Chairperson, Frances Lisson (Australia), summarized the salient points that had resulted from the interactive discussion.

13. At its 4th meeting, on 27 February, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation on the theme of industrial development. The panellists were Nabil Nasr, Director of the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York; and Annabella Rosenberg, member of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Argentina. The Vice-Chairmen, Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado (Brazil) and Jiří Hlaváček (Czech Republic), summarized the salient points that had resulted from the interactive discussion.

14. At its 5th meeting, on 28 February, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation on the theme of air pollution/atmosphere. The panellists were Hilal Raza, Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the Hydrocarbon Institute of Pakistan; and Brian Doll, Exxon Mobil representative to and Chair of the Fuel Group of the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association. The Vice-Chairpersons, Frances Lisson (Australia) and Alain Edouard Traoré (Burkina Faso), summarized the salient points that had resulted from the interactive discussion.

15. At its 6th and 7th meetings, on 28 February and 1 March, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation on the theme of climate change. The panellists were José Domingos Miguez, Chair of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism; and Richard Moss, Senior Director, United Nations Foundation Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Programme and Visiting Senior Research Scientist, Earth Systems Science Interdisciplinary Center of the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. The Vice-Chairman, Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado (Brazil), summarized the salient points that had resulted from the interactive discussion.

16. At its 7th meeting, on 1 March, the Meeting held an interactive discussion on policy options and possible actions to address barriers and constraints in relation to interlinkages among the four thematic issues of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change, as well as cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation. The Vice-Chairmen, Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado (Brazil) and Jiří Hlaváček (Czech Republic), summarized the salient points that had resulted from the interactive discussion.

D. Attendance

17. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers

for other States Members of the United Nations and the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental organizations and major groups also attended.

18. The list of participants of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting will be issued as document E/CN.17/IPM/2007/INF.1.

E. Documentation

19. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: energy for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2007/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: industrial development (E/CN.17/2007/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: air pollution/atmosphere (E/CN.17/2007/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: climate change (E/CN.17/2007/5);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: interlinkages and cross-cutting issues (E/CN.17/2007/6);

(f) Note by the Secretariat on major groups' priorities for action in energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change (E/CN.17/2007/7);

(g) Letter dated 26 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a summary of the conclusions and recommendations of the International Seminar on the Hydrogen Economy for Sustainable Development, held in Reykjavik on 28 and 29 September 2006 (E/CN.17/2007/8).

II. Chairman's draft negotiating document

[To be submitted]

III. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

20. At the __th meeting, on 2 March 2007, the Meeting had before it the draft report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, as contained in document E/CN.17/IPM/2007/L.2.

21. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the report and took note of the Chairman's draft negotiating document for transmittal to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fifteenth session to be held from 30 April to 11 May 2007.